

*Please cancel* claim 2

*Please cancel* claim 5

*Please add new claims 10 – 16 as follows:*

*10.* (New) The protective fabric substrate of claim 1 wherein the warp yarns per inch is greater than the fill yarns per inch.

*11.* (New) The protective fabric substrate of claim 10 wherein the warp yarns per inch is at least 1.5 times the fill yarns per inch.

*12.* (New) The protective fabric substrate of claim 6 wherein the warp yarns per inch is greater than the fill yarns per inch.

*13.* (New) The protective fabric substrate of claim 12 wherein the warp yarns per inch is at least 1.5 times the fill yarns per inch.

*14.* (New) The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 1 further including a repeatedly interrupted coating of epoxy resin material providing flexure points to the fabric substrate at the areas of interruption.

*15.* (New) The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 6 further including a repeatedly interrupted coating of epoxy resin material providing flexure points to the fabric substrate at the areas of interruption.

*16.* (New) A method for making a protective fabric substrate comprising the steps:

providing a fabric substrate suitable for coating with an epoxy resin, said fabric comprising a plurality of warp yarns densely interwoven with a plurality of fill yarns wherein the denier of the fill yarn is greater than the denier of the warp yarn,